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SUBJECT: CGT FORMS MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE FOR PRESIDENTIAL
CAMPAIGN.

BEGIN SUMMARY. CGT CONFEDERATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MET JULY 24 TO FORM
MOBILIZATION FOR FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS. CCC VOTED SPECIAL
ASSESSMENT TO DEFER CAMPAIGN EXPENSES. LOCAL TEXTILE WORKERS UNION
OFFICIAL ASSASSINATED IN RESISTENCIA. NO ACTION REQUIRED. END SUMMARY.

1. IN JULY 24 MEETING, CGT CONFEDERATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE (CCC)
INSTRUCTED CGT DIRECTIVE BOARD TO DESIGNATE SEVEN UNIONS WHICH WILL
FORM NATIONAL MOBILIZATION COMMISSION (CNM), WHICH WILL ASSUME
RESPONSIBILITY FOR LABOR CAMPAIGN FOR PERON'S CANDIDACY IN FORTHCOMING

ELECTIONS. CNM REPORTEDLY WILL PRESENT ELECTORAL PROGRAM TO CGT WITHIN

FORTY-EIGHT HOURS. AS PART PROGRAM, WORKERS' DEMONSTRATION IN SUPPORT
OF PERON CANDIDACY IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY OR TUESDAY.

2. IN RELATED ACTION THE CCC AUTHORIZED A DUES INCREASE FROM TWO TO
FIVE PESOS PER UNION MEMBER, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, AND EXTRADORDINARY
CONTRIBUTIONS OF 100 PESOS PER UNION MEMBER, TO BE PAID PRIOR TO AUGUST

16, TO SUPPORT THE MOBILIZATION CAMPAIGN. THE DUES INCREASE AND
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION WERE APPROVED DESPITE OPPOSITION OF THE
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REPRESENTATIVE OF THE APOLITICAL RAILWAY ENGINEERS FRATERNITY, WHO

STATED THAT LA FRATERNIDAD WOULD NOT PAY ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT UNTIL DEBTOR UNIONS HAD PAID THEIR BACK DUES.

3. THE CCC MEETING OCCURED SHORTLY AFTER THE ASSASSINATION OF RESISTENCIA TEXTILE WORKERS UNION (UOT) SECRETARY GENERAL MARIO RAMON VILLALBA, A RUCCI SUPPORTER, BE DISSIDENT UNION MEMBERS. VILLALBA'S ASSASSINS WERE REPORTEDLY ARRESTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE KILLING; HOWEVER, THE INCIDENT IS INDICATIVE OF THE PROBLEMS WHICH WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE TO PLAGUE ORGANIZED LABOR AND THE COUNTRY IN THE FORTHCOMING MONTHS.
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